Washington State Department of Agriculture



2010 Supplemental Budget Summary

The 2010 Supplemental Budget passed by the Legislature provides a total **Operating Budget** of \$141 million for WSDA and includes \$606,000 in reductions in funding from the state's General Fund. The agency's other appropriations and the expenditure authority for WSDA's many fee-supported programs remain relatively stable. These other funding sources cover almost 80 percent of the agency's budget.

REDUCTIONS IN GENERAL FUND-STATE (GF-S) BUDGET

- **Spartina Funding** (-\$44,000): Eliminates general fund support for Spartina eradication. The program will reprioritize within existing ALEA funding.
- **GF-S Replacement** (-\$416,000 ongoing): Replaces General Fund-State funding with State Toxics Control Account for funding the environmental-related testing of pesticides done by the Chemistry Lab. No impact to the overall funding level of the program.
- **Temporary Layoffs** (-\$146,000 one-time): Reduces GF-S to implement SSB 6503 (closing state agencies on specific dates). WSDA impacts to be determined.
- Information Technology efficiencies amounts to be determined
- Strategic Printing Strategy amounts to be determined

OTHER OPERATING BUDGET PROVISIONS

- Transfer Food Programs to WSDA (\$5,420,000 General Fund State; \$2,782,000 General Fund-Federal and 6 staff positions): The Department of Commerce's Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Department of General Administration's Emergency Food Assistance and Commodity Supplemental Food Programs are transferred to the WSDA effective July 1, 2010.
- Increase Federal Spending Authority (\$6,661,000 General Fund Federal and 5.6 FTEs): Additional federal spending authority is provided to reflect recent federal awards for food safety, organic agriculture, specialty crop grants, Sudden Oak Death, and Spartina removal.
- Reduce General Fund Transfer to the Fair Fund (-\$897,000 one-time): Funding for fairs is reduced in FY 2011 from \$2 million to \$1.103 million. The fund has sufficient balance to absorb the reduction without impacting funding to the fairs.

EARLY SAVINGS - HB 2921

The Early Savings Bill signed by the Governor and effective February 15, 2010 included these general fund reductions and replacements:

- **Pesticide Notification Project** (-\$50,000): Eliminated General Fund State funding for the Pesticide Notification Project. The project was completed early in FY 2010.
- **GF-S Replacement** (-\$1,024,000): Replaced General Fund State funding for agency administration with non-appropriated funding in proportion to the agency's overall budget.

